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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Arnold M. Kinhead

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 January 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4,5 and 7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3 and 6 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1,4, and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Stascausky (US 6,437,615 of record).

The reference by Stascausky discloses a circuit(unit) having a PLL(see background col. 1, lines 42-45) that is used in synchronizing applications, figure 2 showing the generalized PLL loop; the loop comprises a charge pump(220) and loop filter(230) on the output of the pump, represented by a capacitance(C1). Current impulses are used to charge and discharge the capacitance and inherently have magnitude/amplitude. The tuning component (diodes or FETs with resistors)which is part of the charge pump, see figures 4 and 5, allow for the current magnitude/amplitude to be adjusted and a proportional ratio, see col. 8, lines 14–end, is developed by “ siphoning” off some of the current to the capacitance. The method steps being inherent. Please see abstract and cols 5-6 with regards further explicit support for the proportionality between the charge pump current and the capacitor.

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(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1,2,4,5, and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wakayama(US 6,326,852 of record).

The reference Wakayama discloses a clock recovery circuit(unit) having a PLL(see background col. 1, lines 50) that is used in synchronizing applications, figures, 1,4, and 5 showing the generalized PLL loop with charge pump(12,40(fig. 50)); the loop comprises a charge pump(40) and loop filter(54,64) on the output of the pump..

Current impulses are used to charge and discharge the capacitance and inherently have magnitude/amplitude. The tuning component(62,63) which is part of the charge pump, see figure 5, allow for the current magnitude/amplitude to be adjusted and a proportional ratio, see col. 7, lines 20-35, is developed by adjusting the current to the capacitance; that is, if the amplitude of the impulse current causes a mismatch between the up/down currents then the tuning components allow for the amplitude adjust by way of (63 bias current,62). The method steps being inherent.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 3 and 6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The examiner could not find fair suggestion for the switched capacitance current adjust...

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Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 01-28-05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. With regards the support in Stascausky, see abstract and cols 5-6 with regards further explicit support for the proportionality between the charge pump current and the capacitor. The current to be diverted is factored in the total amount of current to be allowed through to the capacitor and thus there is a proportionality as desired. With regards the Wakayama reference, there is nothing in the claim that specifies that the capacitance changes...thus this broad interpretation is based on the fact that only the current is changed proportionally.

Conclusion

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

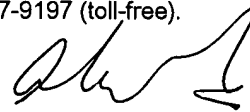
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Arnold M Kinkead whose telephone number is 571-272-1763. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 8:30 am -5 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Pascal can be reached on 571-272-1769. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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